

Georgetown City Council Meeting
September 12, 2011
6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everett Varney, with all members present. After a moment of silence, Councilmember Singer led the pledge

1. **Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to approve the minutes from the City Council meetings held August 22, 2011 and August 29, 2011. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. **Acknowledgement receipt of check register:**

Mayor Varney requested that Council acknowledge receipt of check register. Council members all acknowledged such receipt.

3. **Public Concerns**

- a) Milton and Ann Adams thanked the Mayor and the Council for their support of Cry Out America
- b) John Bournio representing the Oleika Shriners requested Council approval to fundraise in Georgetown. The areas selected for collections are Connector Road and Cherry Blossom and Broadway and Main. The date collections would take place would be October 7, 2011. A motion was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- c) Kitty Dougoud announced there would be a Cultural Arts district meeting at Elkhorn Crossing School Tuesday October 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Cultural and Recreation signs will be installed soon. These are the brown signs that direct visitors to places of interest in our community. Spooktacular, Trick or Treat in the downtown area, will be from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on October 31, 2011.
- d) Austin Munoz a Harrison County resident asked for Council to approve his request to preach the gospel in Court House square. Mayor Varney said that he would have Ginny Kincer contact Mr. Munoz after the Mayor speaks to the County about the use of their power for Mr. Munoz's equipment.

4. **Mayor's Comments**

- a) Mayor Varney said Trick or Treat would be Monday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on October 31, 2011. Police officers will be handing out whistles and lanyards for children to wear while trick or treating.
- b) Councilmember Lusby will be chairing a committee to discuss the possibility of a restaurant tax. Councilmember Tackett and Councilmember McEuen will represent the council on this committee.

John Simpson the Director Tourism will appoint two members to represent tourism. There will also be someone from one of the local restaurants and a representative from a chain restaurant. The Mayor will report to the council on the committee's progress. Councilmember Penn suggested there be three citizens to represent the community on the committee. The Council agreed to this.

- c) A proclamation supporting first responders and honoring the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 was read and accepted by representatives of the police and fire departments
- d) A proclamation honoring the United States Navy Band-Country Current was read.

5. **City Attorney/City Clerk**

- a) The first reading of ordinance # 11-005 motor vehicle and watercraft tax rate for the year 2012 and the real and personal property tax rates for the year 2011. Logan Askew, City Attorney requested a special meeting on Tuesday September 27, 2011 for the second reading of ordinance # 11-005 and any public comments. Councilmember Tackett made a motion seconded by Councilmember Singer for a special meeting to be held. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- b) Municipal order #11-019 cyber crimes task force was read. Councilmember Singer asked how much time the officer would spend with the FBI. Captain Starns said most of the officers time is spent with the FBI however the officer is utilizing tools available through the FBI for case being worked in Georgetown. The council would like to see the Exhibit referred to in the Municipal order. A motion to table the approval of municipal order # 11-019 was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- c) Municipal order # 11-020 approval of surplus sale items was read. A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember McEuen to approve the items for sale. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- d) The first reading of ordinance # 11-006 annexing the Methodist Church property into the city.

6. **City Engineer**

- a) The first reading of Ordinance # 11-007 dedicating streets in Cherry Blossom Village.
- b) The first reading of Ordinance # 11-008 dedication streets in Paynes Landing. Councilmember Penn asked Eric Larson, City Engineer, if the blank poles had been removed or repaired in the Paynes Landing subdivision. Mr. Larson said that he would check on the poles.

7. **Finance**

Betty Pendergrass, Director of Finance reported that the July and August collections were ahead of previous years. Net profits are down compared to 2009. Ms. Pendergrass compares the current collections to 2009 because 9.4 million was collected and we are budgeted to collect 9.5 million this year.

8. **Executive Session**

Councilmember Penn made a motion for the council to enter close session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) to discuss pending litigation against the City and proposed litigation on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.** A motion was made to re enter regular session by Councilmember Penn and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. The motion was unanimously approved. **There was not action taken in the closed session.**

Council Comments

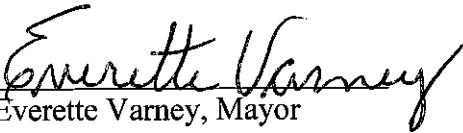
Councilmember Lusby requested that Jim Barlow be placed on the next council agenda. Mr. Barlow would like for council to consider amending the zoning code for setbacks. Councilmember Lusby asked about the plans for the road that could connect with Ikebana Path. Mr. Askew said there have been some issues with this project and that Eric Larson City Engineer, Earl Smith Director of Planning and Zoning and he will be meeting to discuss the project. The information that Mr. Askew has regarding this subject matter will be forwarded to Council. Councilmember Lusby asked the project be put on the Agenda for the special meeting scheduled for September 27, 2011.

The regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday September 26, 2011 at 6:00 pm and a special meeting will be held for the second reading of the property tax on Tuesday September 27, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Councilmember Tackett made a motion to amend the prior motion to hold the special meeting on September 27, 2011 at 6:00 pm to replace the regular meeting on September 26, 2011 at 6:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Prather. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Prather and seconded by Councilmember Penn. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY:


Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk/Treasurer